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SUBJ: ISRAEL-SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. SEVERAL CONTRADICTORY ARTICLES HAVE SURFACED IN ISRAELI PRESS FEB 6 CONCERNING ISRAELI POSITION ON ALLEGED US PROPOSALS RE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. ONE VERSION WHICH SURFACED IN MORNING PRESS ALLEGED THAT GOI WAS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATION WITH SYRIA WITHOUT PREVIOUS SARG AGREEMENT ON RED CROSS VISITATION RIGHTS. AFTERNOON PRESS CARRIED DENIALS ATTRIBUTED TO AUTHORITATIVE GOVT SOURCES, CLAIMING THAT GOI DEMAND FOR RECEIPT OF POW LIST AND ICRC VISITATION RIGHTS REMAINED AS PRECONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

2. PRIMIN'S OFFICE HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT,
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AS REPORTED ON RADIO ISRAEL. " ISRAEL'S POSITION CONCERNING

NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIA ON A SEPARATION OF FORCES REMAINS UNCHANGED. ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO SUCH NEGOTIATIONS ONCE SHE RECEIVES THE LIST OF PRISONERS AND THE RED CROSS HAS VISITED THEM. THIS STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY THE PRIMIN'S BUREAU WITH REFERENCE TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF AN OSTENSIBLE CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S POSITION ON THE SUBJECT:. THE GOI HAS REITERATED THIS POSITION TO INTERNATIONAL BODIES WORKING TO BRING ABOUT AN AGREEMENT."

3. IN COURSE OF KNESSSET DEBATE, LIKUD LEADER SHMUEL TAMIR FEB 6 CHARGED THAT GOI DENIAL WAS SMLKE SCREEN BEHIND WHICH IT HAD ABANDONED ISRAELI PRISONERS IN SYRIA. HE SAID THT FAILURE TO DEMAND POW LIST WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO SUPPORTING SYRIAN VIOLATIONS OF GENEVA CONVENTION AND RHETORICALLY ASKED HOW GOI IN FUTURE COULD SEND SOLDIERS INTO BATTLE.
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